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SUBJECT: LATIN AMERICAN PETROLEUM CONFERENCE AT QUITO

1. MINISTER OF MINES AND HYDROCARBONS HUGO PEREZ
LA SALVIA WILL LEAD VENEZUELAN DELGATION TO LATIN
AMERICAN PETROLEUM CONFERENCE BEGINNING APRIL 2 IN QUITO.
PRESIDENT CALDERA, IN HIS WEEKLY PRESS CONFERENCE MARCH 29,
MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS WITH RESPECT TO THE CONFERENCE:

2. " MONDAY THERE BEGINS IN QUITO A TRULY TRANSCENDENTAL
MEETING. IT IS THE SECOND LATIN AMERICAN INFORMAL CONSULTATIVE
MEETING-- SO CALLED-- OF MINISTERS OF ENERGY AND PETROLEUM.
THE FIRST MEETING TOOK PLACE IN CARACAS LAST YEAR AND ITS
RESULTS WERE SO PROMISING THAT IT WAS DECIDED TO HAVE
A SECOND MEETING IN QUITO. THERE ADVANCES ARE EXPECTED IN
TWO PRINCIPAL ASPECTS: (1) IN LATIN AMERICAN UNITY,
RECOGNIZING THE NECESSITY THAT LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES,
ACTING JOINTLY, HARMONIOUSLY AND WITH SOLIDARITY,
DEAL WITH DISTINCT PROBLEMS AND DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF DEVELOPMENT;
AND (2) ON THE OTHER HAND ON MATTERS CONCERNING OIL POLICY ITSELF.
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WE HAVE INSISTED THAT VENEZUELA' S IDEA IS THAT OIL POLICY CANNOT BE ISOLATED, NOR THE EXCLUSIVE LINE OF A SINGLE COUNTRY, BUT RATHER THAT IT SHOULD BE A COMMON POLICY.

3. " IN QUITO MEETING IT IS HOPED TO BE ABLE TO TAKE EFFECTIVE STEPS IN COORDINATION OF VARIOUS QUESTIONS: FOR EXAMPLE, TRANSPORTATION OF OIL, FINANCING OF PETROLEUM ACTIVITIES, PETROLEUM RESEARCH, EVALUATION AND NEEDS OF ENERGY SOURCES OF LATIN AMERICA AS WELL AS RELATIONS BETWEEN OIL EXPORTING AND OIL IMPORTING COUNTRIES IN LATIN AMERICA. ALL OF THIS IS LINKED TO OVERALL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND THE NEED TO UTILIZE ALL RESOURCES AND POSSIBILITIES OF LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES TO CONVERT ALL THIS INFO EFFECTIVE STEPS TOWARD DEVELOPMENT GOALS." MCCLINTOCK

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